

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: KAUP *et al.*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 20, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include a new drawing sheet and replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one new drawing sheet and three replacement drawing sheets is attached following page 11 of this paper.